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DIVISION I. GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT

TITLE 1. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 11A. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

SUBCHAPTER II. ETHICS ACT

PART E. LOBBYISTS

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D.C. Code § 1-1162.32 (2012)

§ 1-1162.32. Penalties; prohibition from serving as lobbyist; citizen suits [Applicable when contingency met]

(a) Notwithstanding § 1-1162.21 and except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of this part shall be fined not more than \$ 5,000, or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or both.

(b) In addition to the penalties provided for in subsection (a) of this section, any person convicted of the misdemeanor specified in that section may be prohibited from serving as a lobbyist for a period of 3 years from the date of the conviction.

(c) Any person who files a report or registration form required under this part in an untimely manner shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$ 10 per day up to 30 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) that the report or registration form is late. The Ethics Board may waive the penalty imposed under this subsection for good cause shown.

(d) Should any provision of this subchapter not be enforced by the Ethics Board, a citizen of the District of Columbia may bring suit in the nature of mandamus in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, directing the Ethics Board to enforce the provisions of this part. Reasonable attorneys fees may be awarded to the citizen against the District should he or she prevail in this action, or if it is settled in substantial conformity with the relief sought in the petition prior to order by the court.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 232, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --See note to § 1-1161.01.

EDITOR'S NOTES. --Section 601(d) of D.C. Law 19-124 provided that Title II, Subtitle E of the act [§§ 227-232] shall apply as of April 27, 2012, except that the enforcement of this part shall be enforced by the Office of Campaign Finance until October 1, 2012.

Section 601(m) of D.C. Law 19-124 [codified as § 1-1164.01(m)] provided that the act shall apply upon the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.